Auto LPG Dispensing Stations in A.P.

2792. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether public sector oil companies propose to set up auto LPG dispensing stations in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, company-wise;

(c) whether the locations have been identified by ail the oil companies for the purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof, company-wise; and

(e) what safety norms will be followed in setting up of such stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have commissioned 2 Auto LPG Dispensing Stations (ALDS) in Hyderabad city of Andhra Pradesh. In addition, 11 more ALDS are planned to be set up by the year 2003-04 as per the following details:—

Name of company	Number of ALDS
Indian Oil Corporation Limited	2
Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited	4
Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited	3
IBP Co. Limited	2

(e) ALDS are set up mainly as per statutory safety norms as laid down in Static & Mobile Pressure Vessel (SMPV) rules.

ONGC Videsh Projects in Libya

2793. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC Videsh Limited has signed an agreement with Turkish Petroleum Overseas Co. to acquire 49 per cent stake in oil and gas exploration in Libya; if so, the details of this project;

(b) what is the location of these exploration blocks and by when the exploration would be resumed; and